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IOWA TRIBE INFORMATION PROFILE

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska was re-organized under a Constitution and Bylaws approved by the Secretary of the Interior February 26, 1937, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of June 18, 1934 (48 Statute 984). In order to form a more functional government, to develop our Tribal resources and promote economic and social welfare for Tribal members and descendants.

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is located in the extreme Northeast corner of Kansas, in Brown and Doniphan Counties and the extreme Southeast corner of Nebraska in Richardson County. Our land base is 2747 acres and our total membership is over 3000, with 600 Tribal members living on or near the Reservation. We also have a 1/4 undivided interest in a 40 acre tract with 4 other tribes, located in Richardson County, Nebraska.

The jurisdiction of the Iowa Tribe shall extend to the territory within the confines of the Iowa Reservation as defined in the Treaty of March 7, 1861, and to such other lands as may be hereafter added thereto.

The Executive Committee is composed of five (5) members elected by the General Council for three (3) year terms of office. They shall exercise those authorities delegated to it by the Constitution and Bylaws. The General Council shall elect by secret ballot, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Member. The Executive Committee acts as the Business Committee for the Iowa Tribe.

In 1977, an Iowa Administrative Office opened in Hiawatha, Kansas in a rental building. In 1979, we moved the Tribal Office to the Tribal owned Grandview School House on the Reservation that was renovated by using the Indian Action Team. On October 1, 1988, the Tribal Administrative office was moved into the new Tribal Complex building on the Reservation, built by the Iowa Tribe with Tribal funds generated through economic development plans.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Our natural resources are extremely limited. They are as follows: Limestone, not marketable; (2) Coal - not marketable; (3) Water - adequate to serve Reservation needs; (4) Timberland - limited; (5) Farmland - Continue to increase land base.

TAXATION

Under the Iowa Tribe Tax Ordinance we collect sales tax, use tax, fuel tax and tobacco tax. The tax collections have been used to supplement funds to hard surface 26 miles of roads.

Taxation on the Reservation is a sovereign right of the Tribe. It is important to protect all sovereign rights. This year has been expensive and time consuming to protect the sovereign right to tax within the Reservation.

RESERVATION WATER SYSTEM

In 1983 the Tribe applied for and received a HUD grant in the amount of \$275,000 to install a water system on the Reservation. The water system serves 118 families, agriculture and businesses. It is maintained by the tribe to the required standards of EPA. The water is tested twice monthly by the State of Kansas, and twice a year by EPA. This system is available to non-Indian customers as well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FARM OPERATION

Prior to 1980, all Tribal land had been cash rented on the open market. In 1980, the Executive Committee made a decision to start a Farm Operation and farm the land ourselves. As the leases expired, we added the land to our Farm Operation. This program proved successful and a decision was made to increase our land base. We continue to increase our land base as land becomes available at a fair market value. We originally obtained our own machinery through a loan from the Bingo Plan. This loan was repaid by annual installments for a 3 year term.. We presently farm 1100 acres. We own 2747 acres, and 32 acres are still out on assignment.

In January 1985, we purchased 14 bred cows with funds borrowed from the Bingo Plan, which was repaid. We keep the bred cows and heifer calves, we sell the steer calves. Our present herd consists of 110 cows and heifers, and 5 bulls.

BINGO OPERATION - (IOWA TRIBE PARTY GAMES)

We started the Indian Bingo Operation in July 1982. The Bingo Operation was started as an economic development project for the Tribe. The operation was funded and started by a Management Group. We received 51% profit and the Management Group received 49% profit. The Tribe broke the contract with the Management Group in October 1984. At that time, the Tribe was in a position to manage and finance the Bingo Operation with the Tribe having full control of the operation and also received 100% profit. Since the Tribe took control of the Bingo Operation, it has proved to be a very successful economic venture.

The Bingo Operation enabled the Tribe to be in a position to develop other economic development ventures and to work towards self-determination for the Tribe. The Bingo Operation has provided employment for Tribal members and persons from surrounding communities. The Bingo Operation has helped the economy both on and adjacent to the Reservation. The Bingo Operation has helped increase our land base.

GRANDVIEW OIL COMPANY

In 1985, the Tribe applied for a CDBG from HUD to build a Convenience Store and Service Station. We were not funded. The reason was it was not feasible.

In 1987, we built and opened Grandview Oil Service Station. We borrowed the funds for the project from the Bingo Plan Account. Grandview Oil was more successful than we expected. The debt was paid off as well as making an expansion of the business in the first year of operation. In 1990 HUD approved a CDBG for the Sac & Fox Tribe only 12 miles away for a convenience store and Service Station. This almost put our Grandview Oil Company out of business.

In 2004, the Tribe relocated Grandview Oil to 330th Street on the Reservation. It is a Convenience Store and Gas Station combined.

CABINS

The Tribe also constructed 4 cabins which can be used as hunting lodges, or for people who want to spend the night on the Reservation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The Executive Committee is presently working toward locating factories and other economic development projects on the Reservation to enable the Tribe to become self sufficient, instead of depending on federal or state funding to survive as a government. We have been held up in the past due to bad roads and lack of water, but are now in a position to promote and develop economic development on the Reservation. We feel that our Reservation has all the necessities to promote growth and expansion in regard to economic development and population.

On our Reservation we now have the following necessities in place to attract industry:

- 1. We have hard surfaced roads to major highways**
- 2. Adequate water supply**
- 3. Three phase electricity**
- 4. Tribal Tax structure**
- 5. A stable Tribal Government with policies and procedures in place**
- 6. Funds to finance economically feasible projects**
- 7. Access to the Missouri River**

The Reservation and surrounding communities are especially attractive to young families due to the healthy environment and extremely low crime rate. The schools in the area are excellent. The drug and alcohol abuse is very low in our area.

Recreational activities consist of sports, hunting, fishing, boating, bingo , flea markets, the annual rodeo and pow-wow, and a Casino. We have two churches located on the Reservation.

TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Iowa Tribal Police Department was started in May of 1996, at that time there were 14 positions for the department. There were 4 officers who had already been certified either through Kansas or another State. The remainder of the officers hired had to go to the Topeka Police Academy for certification in Kansas. All of the officers hired by the department also had to attend training through the Bureau of Indian Affairs because at that time the State of Kansas did not recognize Tribal Police Departments as they would any other type of Kansas Law Enforcement. Because the Reservation lies in both Kansas and Nebraska, our officers must also be certified in the State of Nebraska. The Reservation is approximately 72 square miles and the officers must patrol this area on a 24 hour/7 day basis. At the present time we have a total of 9 officers, this includes the administrative positions.

TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Codes were adopted in 1997 by Resolution 97-R-11. In 1998 the Tribal Court was established. Court is held once a month at a time specified by the judge.

IOWA TRIBE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Iowa Housing Authority was organized by the Iowa Tribe on February 11, 1971. It is composed of five (5) Housing Commissioners appointed by the Executive Committee. The Housing office is located in White Cloud, Kansas. From 1973 to 1976, 50 houses were built. All 50 of these are paid off. From 1985-86, the Housing Authority constructed 22 HUD Mutual Help Homes, 6 of these are paid off. From 1999 to 2000, 10 houses were built. None of these are paid off. In 2002, 5 houses were built, and none are paid off. They are taking applications for more Mutual Help Homes. In 1980 the 50 unit apartment complex was built. In the late 80's 4 units were converted to make 4, 3 bedroom units making the total number of apartments 46. Out of 89 total houses we currently still have 33 under management and the 46 apartments.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 1987, we received a CDBG in the amount of \$200,000.00 to build a fire station and purchase a new fire truck and equipment. The project was completed in June 1988. The volunteer fire fighters were organized and trained. This has been a valuable asset to the surrounding communities as well as the Reservation.

IOWA TRIBE CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD

In 1987, the Iowa Tribe Ceremonial Honor Guard was established. The Honor Guard is a branch of Native American Veterans Association (NAVA). The goal of this organization is to insure that every veteran in the area may be buried with full military honors and the dignity that they are entitled to. This group has made a great impression both on the Reservation and in the local communities. They are a very sincere and professional organization. They are a nationally recognized group made up of Iowa Tribal members or spouses of Tribal members who are veterans.

IOWA TRIBE ANNUAL RODEO

In 1985, the Iowa Tribe General Council directed the Executive Committee to start an annual rodeo to be held at the old Chief White Cloud site. The first annual rodeo was held the first weekend in June, 1986. This is an annual event. It has not been profitable, but the Tribe and the surrounding communities support this event in every way possible. In 1990 the Rodeo was relocated to the Tribal Complex site. It is successful and enjoyed by the total community.

TRIBAL CEMETERIES

We have four (4) cemeteries on the Reservation. The Tribal employees are able to maintain the cemeteries. The Tribal employees offer their services to Tribal members to open and close grave sites.

BURIAL ASSISTANCE

Burial assistance is provided for enrolled members of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Burial assistance is in the amount specified by the Executive Committee with the approval of the General Council. Burial assistance shall be available so long as funds are generated for it through economic development.

Qualifications for Burial Assistance:

1. Must be an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.
2. Must be eligible for enrollment and less than 1 year of age.

Anyone over 1 year must be enrolled.

- 3. Stillborn babies with death certificates.**

Procedures for Burial Assistance Payments:

- A. Request Burial Assistance forms from:**

**Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
3345 B Thrasher Rd. B
White Cloud, KS 66094**

- B. Return completed form and death certificate to the Tribal Office before 1 year after death to claim the burial assistance. After 1 year benefits will not be paid.**
- C. Final approval of burial assistance will be done by the Executive Committee.**
- D. Burial Assistance will be made payable to the funeral home.**

CONTRACT AND GRANT PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

We administer a Community Health Representative (CHR) Contract funded by Indian Health Service (IHS). She makes home visits, arranges medical appointments, makes referrals to SRS, Social Security Offices, works with young mothers to utilize the WIC Program, assists clients with energy programs, and transports some patients to medical facilities if they have no other means of transportation. The CHR acts as a liaison between clients and professional staff. IHS closed the White Cloud Satellite clinic for medical services in 1989. This left many patients to neglect medical care. Patients were encouraged to seek medical care at the Indian Health Service facility, located in Holton, Kansas. This was a 100+ mile trip.

In 2003, the Potawatomi Tribe and the Sac and Fox Tribe decided to take their funding from Indian Health Service and run their own clinic. The Iowa Tribe decided to stay with IHS. The Potawatomi/Sac and Fox Clinic is located in the old Indian Health Service location in Holton, Kansas. IHS moved their facility to the Iowa Reservation, and they are located in the Multi-Purpose building.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY PROGRAM

As of 1988, the JOM Program is administered through the Tribe. The Parent Committee runs this program. The Parent Committee is elected by the interested parents of Indian children in our service area. Presently, this program serves approximately 115 children. This program helps with parental costs, tutoring, cultural enrichment.

JUVENILE JUSTICE GRANT

The population to be served by this grant will include Iowa Tribal members and other tribes who reside in the tribe's three county service area. This would include Brown, and Doniphan Counties in Kansas, and Richardson County in Nebraska. This program will serve 560 and 100 children. The Tribe plans to provide a Guardian Ad Litem to represent juveniles in matters that come before the court. The Tribe will also develop a program to build and support self-esteem among juveniles through recreational activity. These activities will include basketball, volleyball, bowling, softball and swimming. Informative prevention sessions will be provided through our local law enforcement or by the surrounding County law enforcement agencies. An inspirational, motivational speaker will also provide cultural resource information and materials to build and encourage a positive self-image among the youth.

TRIBAL RESOURCE GRANT

The Tribal Resource Grant is awarded to the Iowa Tribal Police Department for approved equipment and training expenses.

INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION GRANT-LAW ENFORCEMENT

The purpose of this grant is to provide the Police Department with supplemental funding to provide Law Enforcement with means to provide a safe environment and maintain peace on the Reservation, also to enforce civil codes of law adopted by the Tribe, to reduce overall crime on the Iowa Reservation.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

We administer a Road Maintenance Contract through the BIA. The Road Maintenance Contract makes it possible to maintain the roads on the Reservation. Through this contract we gravel, resurface, put in tubes. In the winter we plow, and put down sand for the safety of people driving on our roads.

CONSOLIDATED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM - (CTGP)

This Contract through the BIA provides funding for several components including:

**Adult Education
Tribal Court
Higher Education - Scholarship funding
Fish & Wildlife
Aid to Tribal Government
Native American Grave**

IOWA TRIBAL LEARNING CENTER

The Iowa Tribal Learning Center, which is operated by Native American Family Services, Inc. Opened in February 2003, the center provides childcare to all children six weeks of age up to age 12 and is licensed through the State of Nebraska for up to 12 children. Currently our staff consists of one full-time Manager and one full-time assistant. We also have an on-call person to fill in as needed. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Our goal is to provide quality daycare at an affordable price. We also strive to provide our children with learning activities on a daily basis. These activities range from recognizing colors, learning numbers, and counting to reciting the ABC's. To assist the children in their comprehension of preschool information, we have a computer center where the children can use many different software programs appropriate for their age. They have fun playing the computer games while they are essentially learning many different concepts.

Iowa Tribal Learning Center is also involved with the food program through the State of Nebraska. Our menus are carefully thought out and comply with the dietary needs of each age group set by the State. Parents can rest assured that their child is getting adequate nutrition while in our care.

For almost two years, Iowa Tribal Learning Center has been successful at providing children of many different ages a clean, safe, fun, and highly supervised learning environment. We plan to continue to offer this same great service to many more children in the years to come.

TITLE VI - PARTS A & C

Part A of this grant provides funding for nutrition services for elderly Native Americans residing in our service area.

Part C of this grant provides assistance to Care Givers who are responsible for the well-being of frail Native American family members.

AUDITS

The Tribe has a complete audit of all accounts at the end of each fiscal year. The Tribe currently

The Tribe currently has 52 employees with an annual payroll of 1.3 million dollars.

Progress Log

1977 Opened a Tribal office in Hiawatha, Kansas.

1979 Contracted an Indian Action Team Contract and renovated old Grandview School as Tribal office.

1979 Applied for & received a CDBG to construct a Community Facility Building as a Community Building.

1980 Moved the Tribal office to the reservation in the Grandview School House.

1980 Tried a Farm Operation Program.

1981 Started a Farm Operation Program.

1982 Purchased 80 acres through FHA loan.

1982 Started a Bingo Operation with a management firm.

1982 Purchased 72 acre tract and 40 acre tract of farm land.

1983 Approved a Bingo Plan to control profits from Bingo.

1983 Applied for & received a CDBG to put a water system on the reservation.

1984 Broke contract with management group. Took total control of Bingo operation.

1984 Adopt Personnel Policies.

1984 Adopt property and financial management policies.

1985 Built water system, wells, and tower on Reservation \$275,000 CDBG

1985 Adopt Procurement Policy

1985 Adopt Enrollment Policies

1985 Added cattle to farm operation.

1985 Applied for HUD-CDBG, did not receive.

1985 Invited to re-apply for HUD-CDBG to build a convenience store and service station - denied, as not feasible.

1985 Constructed 22 Mutual Help Homes on the reservation.

1985 Signed a Rodeo contract for June 1986.

1985 Worked toward locating a Printing/Bindery business (not feasible)

1985 Worked toward locating an Electronic Business on the reservation (not feasible).

1986 Applied for HUD-CDBG to construct building to house a Printing business.

1986 Invited to re-apply for CDBG. We did not receive grant.

1986 Seeking funds to construct a building to house the Printing business (not feasible).

1986 Designated an Industrial Park.

1986 Lynn W. Roubidoux Scholarship Fund established for high school seniors. 4 - \$500. scholarships awarded.

1986 Had a successful Rodeo.
 1986 Searched for funds for a new Administrative office.
 1987 Built and opened Grandview Oil Service Station.
 1987 Organized Iowa Tribe Ceremonial Honor Guard
 1987 Received CDBG for Fire Station, Fire Truck and Equipment.
 1987 Began support for Pow-Wow on the Reservation
 1988 Built Fire Station, purchased Fire Truck and Equipment.
 1988 Organized and Trained Volunteer Fire Fighters.
 1988 Expanded Grandview Oil Co.
 1988 Purchased 120 acres farm land.
 1988 Adopted General Tax Ordinance.
 1988 Adopted Cigarette, Tobacco Tax Ordinance.
 1988 Adopted Water Tax Ordinance.
 1988 Adopted Burial Assistance Policy.
 1988 Constructed new Community Center (seating capacity 550).
 1988 Constructed new Administrative Offices.
 1988 Received CDBG to asphalt 3 ½ miles road west of tribal complex.
 1989 Supported Senate Bill HB 2144 (Unmarked graves in KS.).
 1989 Supported Senate Bill LB 340 (Unmarked graves in NE.).
 1989 Adopted formal Tribal Transportation Plan developed by Martell and Associates in 1986.
 1989 Adopted priority Road System.
 1989 Support 4 Tribes Children Program to acquire a 501 (c) (3) Tax Exempt status.
 1989 Oppose Senate Bill S.611 - Indian Tribes acknowledgment as Indian Tribes.
 1989 Request and receive \$15,000 grant (match funds for geological study of water resources on the Iowa reservation).
 1989 Received CDBG to hard surface 3 miles of road east of Tribal complex.
 1989 Use Road Tax generated funds with County assistance to hard surface 3 miles North of Tribal complex.
 1989 CDBG application for 4 miles hard surfaced road on River road.
 1989 Contracted Johnson O'Malley Program.
 1989 Purchased 120 acres (Wright Farm).
 1989 Adopt a Tribal Transportation Plan Resolution 89-R-15.
 1989 Adopt Tribal Road Priority System Resolution 89-R-18.
 1989 Received grant for water resource study. Matched by Geological survey (3 year program).
 1989 Nebraska recognized the Iowa Indian Reservation Tax

exempt.

1990 Built Rodeo Arena near the Tribal Complex.

1990 Received CDBG to hard surface River road from Kansas State line to Nemaha bridge.

1990 Built InfraRed Processing Plant.

1990 Computerized the office.

1990 A hard surface road from Nemaha bridge to Rulo, NE., \$38,000 tax fund.

1990 The Tribe purchased a grain elevator in Craig, MO. now known as Ioway Nation Grain Co.

1991 Offer employee health insurance.

1991 Purchased 80 acres on reservation. (Ogg farm).

1991 Tax Compact for Fuel Tax and Cigarette Tax was submitted to the State of Kansas.

1991 Adopt Resolution 91-R-19 requesting BIA and Horton Agency take necessary steps to get all preliminary testing to determine if there is oil on the Nemaha Reserve property.

1991 Called for a Riparian Boundary survey of accretion land on the Missouri River bottoms.

1991 Renovated the upstairs of the Rulo Community Building for rental apartments.

1992 A 60 foot X 90 foot machine shed was built at the Tribal Complex.

1992 Researched locating United Tribe's offices on the Iowa Reservation

1992 Adopt Resolution 92-R-18, which amends General Revenue and Taxation Ordinances in regard to gasoline and oil.

1992 Adopt Ordinance for Security Guards, Resolution 92-R-15

1992 Purchased 321 acres farm land (Simon farm).

1992 Purchased 1 acre of River front property w/trailer (Howell)

1993 Purchased Joslin Property, 29 acres.

1993 Constructed 3 homes on reservation, designated as Senior Citizen homes.

1993 Received CDBG to hard surface 3 miles of road North from the Tribal complex, \$400,000.00.

1993 Applied for CDBG to construct Multi-Purpose Bldg.

1993 Memorandum of Agreement signed with Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks.

1994 Purchased Pauline Fee property 275 acres, including mobile home.

1994 Old Bingo Bldg. remodeled as offices

1994 United Tribes offices moved from Horton to the Iowa reservation.

1994 Old Rodeo grounds renovated, to be used as Pow-Wow

grounds, at a cost of over \$21,000.00.

- 1994 Received CDBG for Multi-Purpose Bldg., to be located at Tribal Complex, \$375,000.00
- 1994 Awarded Grant for Planning & Development of Tribal Court.
- 1994 Hunting & Fishing Codes approved by the BIA.
- 1994 Applied for CDBG to hard surface road from Tribal Complex to Carwell Corner.
- 1994 Rulo Road South from the Y corner, and from the Y corner East to the mouth of the Nemaha hard surfaced with BIA, Brown County, Kansas and Richardson County, Nebraska funding. Built to Federal Highway Specs.
- 1994 Purchase Simmons house in White Cloud
- 1995 Road from mouth of Nemaha to Rulo built to Federal Highway Specs with BIA and Richardson County, Nebraska funding.
- 1995 Construction of new Multi-Purpose Bldg. completed.
- 1995 Senior Citizen Mealsite, CHR office, and Fish & Wildlife offices moved to new building.
- 1995 Native American Family Services, Inc., establishes satellite office in Multi-Purpose Bldg.
- 1995 Gaming Compact signed with the State of Kansas.
- 1995 BIA replaced 2 bridges over Roys' Creek.
- 1995 Sold building in White Cloud, former location of Senior Citizen Mealsite.
- 1995 Sold Elevator in Craig, Missouri.
- 1995 Purchased 148 acres of farm land (Pape property)
- 1995 Purchased 58 acres of farm land (Albert Green Property)
- 1995 Adopted Class II & Class III Gaming Ordinance, Resolution 95-R-29
- 1995 Adopted Liquor Ordinance, Resolution 95-R-30.
- 1995 Received CDBG to hard surface road from Tribal Complex to Carwell Corner \$375,000.00, work to begin in the spring of 1996.
- 1996 Purchased 127 acres farm land, Reese property.
- 1996 Adopt Resolution 96-R-07 to contract the Higher Education Program from the BIA.
- 1996 Signed Management Agreement for Casino.
- 1996 Applied for and received a COPS Grant to establish a Tribal Police Department. \$1.3 million
- 1996 8 Police recruits completed basic training in August.
- 1996 Applied for CDBG to hard surface Happy Hollow Road,

North from Tribal Complex. \$375,000.

1997	2.8 miles Asphalt Road built. \$375,000.
1997	Established Tribal Court
1998	10 miles shoulder work & culverts. \$375,000.
1998	3.5 miles asphalt surface. \$375,000.
1998	Built and opened Casino White Cloud. \$8.5 million Tribal funds.
2000	Community Center CDBG \$375,000.
2001	Bear Claw Necklace returned
2001	New Tribal Office built, Tribal funds \$750,000
2001	Community Center built, CDBG \$400,000.
2003	Purchase 40 acres, Dennis Rosenberger
2004	Built Convenience Store/Service Station, \$497,000. Tribal funds.
2004	Built 4 Cabins/Hunting lodges, Tribal funds
2004	Built RV Pads at Casino
2004	IHS opened health clinic on Iowa Reservation - Tribal funds \$200,000.